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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: **First day of issue — 21 September 2006: "My Dream for Peace One Day" stamps**

Commemorative stamps

1. In its resolution 55/282, the General Assembly decided that, beginning in 2002, the International Day of Peace should be observed on 21 September each year. The Assembly declared that the Day should be observed as a day of global ceasefire and non-violence, an invitation to all nations and people to honour a cessation of hostilities for the duration of the Day.

2. In response, on Thursday, 21 September 2006, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue its last set of a three-year stamp series, with six commemorative stamps on the theme "My Dream for Peace One Day".

3. The stamps will be issued in denominations of $0.39, $0.84, SwF 0.85, SwF 1.20, €0.55 and €1.00. (*United States equivalents: SwF 0.85: $0.70; SwF 1.20: $0.99; €0.55: $0.71 and €1.00: $1.29, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.*)

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4. The stamp designs were obtained through an agreement between Lions Clubs International and the United Nations.

5. Every year, Lions Clubs International sponsors a youth global peace poster contest which gives young people a chance to think about world peace and to express creatively what it means to them. Children aged 11 to 13 from around the world submit artwork, which is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the annual theme. From among 24 finalists one grand prize winner is chosen. This year's designs are from the 2004/2005 peace poster contest on the theme "Give Peace a Chance". Lions Clubs International has graciously given UNPA and other participating postal administrations exclusive rights to use the artwork of the finalists from this competition for the "My Dream for Peace One Day" stamp series.

General information

6. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Thursday, 21 September, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) Temporary sales counter located on the east side of the Secretariat lobby, in front of the windows between the cafeteria and the news-stand, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

7. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

8. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://unstamps.un.org.

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